

KING COUNTY ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2002

KCASAAB Members Present: Joan Clement, Nancy Code, Roger Goodman, Bob Seidensticker

KCASAAB Members Excused: Linda Brown, Jim Harbaugh, Pam Detrick, Scott Strawn, Yasmin Smith

Staff Attending: Sherry Hamilton, Geoff Miller, Rhoda Naguit, Rose Soo Hoo, Amnon Shoenfeld, Jim Vollendroff

Guests Present: Tammy Dow, Alcohol-Drug Helpline; Jane Kennedy, TASC of King County; Pat Knox, Recovery Centers of King County; Tony Lee, Human Services Alliance; Sharon Lucas, Stonewall Recovery Services; Ken Nicholas, CPC-Bridgeway Program; Eleanor Owen, King County Mental Health Advisory Board

The regular monthly meeting of the King County Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Administrative Board (KCASAAB) was convened at 12:05 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Dutch Shisler Sobering Center, 1930 Boren Avenue in Seattle. Board Vice Chair, Nancy Code presided over the meeting in place of Board Chair, Linda Brown who was out of town.

I. INTRODUCTION

All the attendees introduced themselves.

II. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The September 10, 2002 Joint Board meeting minutes were not reviewed and approved due to lack of quorum.

III. PRESENTATION ON "HUMAN SERVICES ALLIANCE"

Tony Lee spoke about the budget realities, their impact on health and human services. He also shared something about the Human Services Coalition, which was formed to advocate for funding for human services programs in King County and urged the board to join them in their advocacy efforts. He emphasized the need to contact local legislators to express concerns about funding cuts on mental health and chemical dependency services. Tony shared the upcoming legislative

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activity of the King County Alliance for Human Services. The coalition group in cooperation with Seattle Human Services Council and the Minority Executive Director's Coalition are co-sponsoring a rally on Tuesday, October 22, 2002 at noon at the Public Safety Building Plaza, 4th Avenue & Cherry in Seattle. This media campaign is aimed to oppose the budget cut to health and human services and to create public awareness on the issues. He asked the board to lend support for this activity.

There was a discussion on the need for change on public policy in our criminal justice system, particularly on the booking policy to have significant CX savings. Approximately \$12M-15M will be saved if change in the booking policy in King County is implemented.

King County is not mandated to provide human services. But jails, police and public defenders are costs the county is mandated to bear. The County's goal is to reduce jail population by an average of 400 inmates a day. For efficiencies and innovations, changes are being proposed which include the Day Reporting Center, Work Crew, expansion of Electronic Home Detention, and Felony FTA reduction. At this point, the balance to meet the goal of 400 inmates remains at about 230.

Long-term funding sources being considered include:

- Utility tax - Collections from this source will be put in the general fund
- Liquor tax – Uncertain whether this will be a dedicated fund for public health or will be for general fund

With the County budget shortfalls, many agencies are becoming more aggressive in finding state, federal, and private grants to support their programs.

The healthcare cut on state-level is seriously considering the Medicaid cut for children. The good news is that Premera Blue Cross is planning to convert from a non-profit to a profit organization. By law, if a non-profit organization converts into for-profit, it is required to give back to the community whatever it gained under its tax exemption as a non-profit. The money will be in the form of a foundation. This will be used to cover uninsured, low-income people. There is also a possibility that Regence Blue Shield will go for-profit.

There will be some savings from prescription reform. Negotiation is underway for Basic Health Plan to provide health insurance coverage with no limit to low income residents and increased coverage for those with substance abuse problems.

Roger Goodman stated that the Governor's Council for Substance Abuse is working on imposing tax on sale of beer since this is severely under taxed. If the

beer tax will be increased, about \$120M will be gained from this tax. Roger urged the board to lobby for this funding.

Jim Vollendroff mentioned the sentencing reform, which will provide a \$4 million savings for Fiscal Year 2004. He stated that 30% of the savings will go to innovative grant. He thinks this will go to smaller counties.

IV. CHAIR'S REPORT

A. Proposed Board Planning Retreat Agenda

The proposed agenda for the board planning retreat include:

- Discuss the November Joint Legislative Forum
- Discuss In depth CD issues and initiatives i.e. Drug Court, criminal justice, including TASC
- Develop strategies and approaches for effective advocacy
- Develop partnered funding – Jim Vollendroff
- Open dialogue with Board – Jim Vollendroff

B. Board Membership Update

The King County Council has confirmed the re-appointment of Yasmin Smith and Bob Seidensticker to the King County Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Administrative Board. Yasmin Smith's term will expire on January 30, 2004, while Robert Seidenstickers' term is extended until March 31, 2004.

C. A/D Program County Coordinator's Confirmation

The King County Council has confirmed the appointment of Jim Vollendroff as King County Alcohol/Drug Program Coordinator.

D. Board Liaison Reports

Joan Clement reported that at the October 9, 2002 Chronic Populations Action Council (CPAC) meeting, Patrick presented jail data and how money has been spent.

Nancy Code did not have a report on the Children and Family Commission because there was no October 2002 meeting of the commission.

E. Legislative Advocacy Update

Copies of the meeting minutes were provided to the board.

Flyers for the Legislative Forum were handed out. The Legislative Forum will be held on November 21, 2002 at 6:00 PM at the Criminal Justice Training Center, 19010 1st Avenue South in Burien. The event is jointly sponsored by the King County Mental Health Advisory Board, the King County Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Administrative Board, the Association of Alcoholism and Addiction Programs, NAMI-South King County, NAMI-Eastside, and NAMI-Greater Seattle.

Geoff Miller urged everyone to bring as many people as possible to the forum. Jim Vollendroff said that he exhorted the contract monitors to personally contact all our contracted agencies and encourage them to attend the forum and to bring their clients.

V. ALCOHOL/DRUG PROGRAM COUNTY COORDINATOR'S REPORT

A. MHCADSD Personnel Update

Dick Andrews has tendered his resignation and has accepted a job at Schick Shadel Hospital in Burien.

Caroline Bacon of Cedar Hills Addiction Treatment Facility (CHAT) is now the Crisis Triage Unit Liaison at Harborview Hospital.

B. Assessment Center's Monthly Statistics

Rose Soo Hoo, Administrator of the King County Assessment Center, gave a brief review on the monthly statistical data reports compiled by the Assessment Center. She highlighted the identified assessment goals by CSO and waiting list for both assessment, and treatment placement. She said the waiting list for an assessment varies by CSO. The waiting list for an assessment appointment is about two weeks out, and currently we have a 40% no show rate. The waiting list for outpatient treatment when compared with other counties is not excessive. The waiting list for co-occurring disorder clients and women beds for all programs are longer than other categories.

C. Cedar Hills Addiction Treatment (CHAT) Update

Handouts about CHAT beds were distributed.

The State contracts with the county for 158 beds for live-in patients at CHAT. With the pending closure of the facility by the end of this month, they have 15 clients to date.

The State has re-allocated 109 beds in King and Pierce counties and other nearby counties, and likely will find the other 51 elsewhere in the State.

A final farewell for CHAT staff, friends and families will held at 3:00 p.m. on October 25, 2002 at CHAT Facility, 15900 227th Ave. S.E. in Maple Valley.

There was a question about what the County plans to do with CHAT facility. Amnon Shoenfeld replied that Solid Waste will be managing the site. There is also a possible alternative. A long-time counselor and former patient himself, and the nephew of the founder, have presented County Executive Ron Sims with a proposal to operate CHAT as the non-profit Fagan Recovery Solutions.

Copies of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Report containing recommendations for State Policy Action during the 2003-2005 Biennium were distributed. Roger Goodman said that it is an excellent report; its focus is on integration.

D. Quarterly Prevention Presentation

Jim Vollendroff asked the board if he could invite Sharon Toquinto, Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) Prevention Manager, to do a quarterly presentation on prevention at future meetings of the board. The AOD Prevention receives \$1.3M chemical dependency funding from the Mental Health, Chemical Abuse and Dependency Services Division. The board responded in the affirmative.

E. Meetings and Trainings

Jim Vollendroff will convene a meeting of Adult Providers on October 16, 2002 from 1:30 to 2:30 pm, followed by a meeting with ADATSA/Residential Treatment Providers from 2:30 to 4:00 pm at the 3rd floor Board Room of the Exchange Building.

The Screening for Mental Health, Inc. is offering a free training on Best Practices in Seattle on October 23, 2002 from 9:30am to 12:30 noon. Due to tremendous response, the meeting place is moved to Hotel Monaco to accommodate all the participants. Hotel Monaco is located at 1101 Spring Street, Fourth Avenue in Seattle. The training will provide training on effective screening patients with alcohol problems.

F. ACHS Methadone Workgroup

Jim stated that a group from the Association of Counties Human Services (ACHS) has formed a workgroup to discuss the methadone funding formula. As a result of new programs opening up in other counties to provide methadone treatment, State DASA has asked ACHS to make recommendations about the distribution of methadone treatment funds.

There was a discussion on methadone treatment as part of Medicaid eligibility. There is fear that if methadone treatment becomes entitlement, it might jeopardize the chemical dependency funding.

G. Report Card Update

Geoff gave an update on the report card. He said that this document is intended to be updated every six months. The data on the report card is generated from various TARGET reports and internal data bases.

It was asked if this data will be made available to agencies in the future to serve as a benchmark to know which area of service program the agency needs to work on. Geoff responded that the release of the Report Card would be on county basis, but could in the future include agency specific outcome information. The publication of agency specific outcome information is beginning to be a national trend; however, additional work on the report card would be needed before King County would be ready to publish such and extensive report card.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm.

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